

#3

PATENT
Docket No.: 19603/3340 (CRF D-2018B)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | | | |
|------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Applicants | : | Qiu et al. |) | Examiner: |
| | | 09/597,840 |) | To Be Assigned |
| Serial No. | : | Division of 09/013,587 |) | |
| Filed | : | Herewith 6/20/00 |) | Art Unit: |
| For | : | ENHANCEMENT OF GROWTH IN PLANTS |) | To Be Assigned |
| | | |) | 1630 |

16781 U.S. PTO
09/597840
06/20/00

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Box: Patent Application

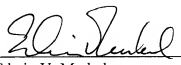
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98, applicants hereby bring to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the enclosed references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form are not provided, because these references either were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/013,587, filed January 26, 1998, of which this application claims priority under 35 USC § 120.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 20, 2000


Edwin V. Merkel
Registration No. 40,087

NIXON PEABODY LLP
Clinton Square, P.O. Box 31051
Rochester, New York 14603
Telephone: (716) 263-1128
Facsimile: (716) 263-1600